

BERLIN FOREIGN OFFICE HEAD LINK IN SPY PLOT

PAPERS SHOW ZIMMERMANN IN CONSPIRACY Documents Before U. S. Grand Jury Connect Foreign Secretary APPROVED PAYMENT TO SECRET AGENTS One Document in Government's Possession Has Wilhelmstrasse Address

NEW YORK, March 8. Documentary evidence connecting Doctor Zimmermann, the German Foreign Secretary, with the German spy system in the United States here, it was learned today. These papers show that Zimmermann not only recommended payment of money to carry on spy plots, but approved contracts being planned here. One of the papers in the Government's possession is said to bear the address of No. 76 Wilhelmstrasse, Berlin, the office of the Foreign Secretary. Some of the documents were laid before the Federal Grand Jury this afternoon.

As the Grand Jury began to probe activities here of Dr. Chandra Chakrabarty and Dr. Ernest Schama, secret service agents throughout the country were believed to be rapidly closing in on the "master mind" who carried out German plot orders from the Kaiser's secret service headquarters. Revelations to secret service agents here and in Washington indicate that there is something to light a plot which stretched its mysterious tentacles into Mexico, Cuba, the Philippines and wrapped themselves around the Panama Canal. Sensational disclosures are expected soon when a new arrest is made. The identity of the man now under surveillance has not been disclosed, but his arrest is expected to be a profoundly surprising disclosure.

Federal agents expect to make arrests in California, Oregon, Washington, Panama, Cuba and the Philippines and other American territory where German agents have been active. Many of the suspects are now under surveillance. Their arrest is said to hang upon completion of the investigation of the New York agents of the plot. Some delay will be experienced in arresting some of the spies. The raid by New York police on the apartment occupied by Schama and Chakrabarty, resulting in messages from 76 Wilhelmstrasse and mentioned addresses in Petrograd and Paris, indicating, it is believed, that these addresses presumably of agents for the "Hindu" "nervous pills," were really notations of German agents' headquarters. Copies of speeches by William Jennings Bryan, delivered more than two years ago.

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BANK LOSES SUIT AGAINST BORROWER Superior Court Refuses to Confirm Its Claim for Payment of Bankrupt Firm's Accounts

A decision handed down by Judge Williams of the Superior Court, in the case of the Bank of Commerce against Isaac Fisher, is of interest to the business world. In June, 1912, counsel for Fisher borrowed \$1625 from the bank and as collateral security assigned his book accounts against Blum Brothers, amounting to \$2096.27, of all of which except the amount of \$171 were overdue when assigned. Fisher guaranteed the payment of the accounts in full at maturity and authorized the bank to charge to his account any which became overdue or which the bank deemed undesirable. Subsequently Blum Brothers became bankrupt. Fisher paid the bank \$250. Later the bank collected from the bankrupt estate \$589 and sued Fisher for the balance of the amount loaned with interest. Fisher claimed that when he assigned the accounts they were collectible, and that he was entitled to receive the difference between the amount he had borrowed and the face of the assigned accounts.

The jury found a verdict for the defendant. This was affirmed in the decision given by Judge Williams.

NEW ORLEANS PAPER QUITS Plant of American, Run by Former Philadelphian, to Be Sold

NEW ORLEANS, March 8.—The New Orleans American today suspended publication and Hugh O'Donnell, formerly of Philadelphia, editor and publisher, announced the plant would be sold at auction. O'Donnell is under a four months' jail sentence and a \$500 fine on conviction of criminal libel against city officials. He is in pending an appeal.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally cloudy tonight, followed by fair brisk, slowly falling temperature, with light tonight about thirty-five degrees; fresh south to east winds.

GETS PERMIT TO REWED DAY AFTER BURYING WIFE

John T. Haskell, 69 Years Old, Hastens Plans for Marriage to 34-Year-Old Fiancee

Twelve hours after his first wife's funeral John T. Haskell, sixty-ninth years old, 5124 Walnut street, obtained a license in Norristown to wed Florence M. Miller, of Reading, Pa., thirty-five years his junior. Haskell's first wife died in the State Hospital for the Insane, where she had been confined twenty-one years. Haskell said in reference to his clerical in getting out the license, "My wife has been an one dead to me for twenty-one years—ever since she was confined to the asylum."

According to the hospital authorities Mr. Haskell visited his wife with great regularity. He was informed of her condition when she was about to die and went to Norristown. The first Mrs. Haskell died Tuesday and yesterday he was buried.

Haskell is a metal burnisher, employed at 222 South Twenty-fourth street, in the plant of the Hartford Sterling Company.

SPIRIT OF SPRING STIRS MAURICE—FINE, \$10—NEXT!

"Smart" Lid, "Snappy" Tie, Spats and Smile Avail Naught to Save Youth

Maurice Dorfman, young and ambitious, felt the spirit of spring in his bosom today and sallied forth in a new vernal suit, including a smart "lid," "snappy" tie and spats. The sunshine in which he bathed was beautiful. The Monday sky was beautiful. Every feminine face he saw on Market street was beautiful. He lingered with his cronies, favoring the fair ones with his smiles and endeavoring to obtain smiles in return. Captain Mills, of the traffic squad, ordered the "sun-bathers" to move on. Instead, Maurice spoke to four other pretty girls. So Captain Mills testified before Magistrate Meclary, at the Central Station, after he had ordered Reserve Policeman Rouse to arrest Maurice. Maurice, who is eighteen years old and said he lives at 625-Centrell street, was fined \$10 and costs.

IRISH CHIEFS ASK AID OF AMERICANS Manifesto Urges Bringing Pressure to Bear to Force Home Rule

NEW DISORDERS FEARED LONDON, March 8. Members of the Irish party, who last night forced to an issue in the House of Commons the question of home rule for Ireland, today issued a manifesto asking Irish-Americans and Americans generally to aid them in the movement.

The appeal pleaded for pressure to be exerted on the British Government for application by England to Ireland of the principles as to self-government enunciated by President Wilson in his famous peace speech to the United States Senate. New disorders, possibly more serious than the Dublin Easter revolution of last year, will break out in Ireland and imperil England's chances of winning the world war unless the Government speedily reconsiders its decision and grants home rule for all Ireland.

Irish leaders in the House of Commons made this prediction today as they went into conference to decide what course they were to pursue. Leaders of all parties and the London press sounded warning that a grave crisis had been reached in Irish affairs. They quoted the startling declaration made by John Redmond, Irish leader, in assailing the Government yesterday.

"If the Prime Minister continues to ignore the cry of Ireland, the time will come when he will have to govern Ireland with a naked sword!"

LEADERS IN CONFERENCE Before the Irish members met today it was stated definitely that they had decided to adopt a course of open hostility to the Government. Several members, smarting under Lloyd George's rejection of their demands yesterday, favored immediate withdrawal from further sittings of Parliament. More cool-headed persons, however, believed that such a course would stir the smoldering embers of resentment to immediate revolt and result in an immediate repetition of the Sinn Fein revolution.

Editorial comment of the London papers today emphasized the gravity of the situation.

"The Irish tragedy," was the caption attributed by the Daily News in its editorial.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL BROWN TAKES UP THAW CASE

Governor Places Extradition Problem in Hands of State Law Officer

Attorney General Brown will hereafter attend to all matters pertaining to the proposed extradition of Harry K. Thaw to New York. The case was referred to Mr. Brown by Governor Brumbaugh and immediately the Attorney General went into conference with Thaw's counsel. He expects also to have a talk in the near future with District Attorney Swann, of New York. The opinion of those who have talked with the Governor seems to be that Thaw will not be moved from St. Mary's Hospital for a long time. He is convalescing in that institution from wounds which he inflicted upon himself in a West Philadelphia home while trying to escape arrest for his alleged slaying of Philadelphia's White City.



GEORGE W. GUTHRIE

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Ambassador to Japan Succumbs to a Stroke of Apoplexy

WASHINGTON, March 8.—George W. Guthrie, of Pittsburgh, American Ambassador to Japan, died suddenly at Tokio today of apoplexy, according to a cablegram from the State Department this afternoon.

PITTSBURGH, March 8. Announcement of the death of Ambassador Guthrie was made at his law offices late this afternoon. It was said a cablegram reporting his death in Tokio had been received. Further information was withheld. Colonel R. W. Guthrie, a brother of the Ambassador, said he had no further statement to make.

The telegram addressed to Colonel Guthrie was signed by Post Wheeler, embassy secretary. It said that the Ambassador "died peacefully at 8 o'clock from apoplexy." Ambassador Guthrie has not been in the best of health for a long while. It was reported only today that he expected to resign the ambassadorship in May and return to Pittsburgh to become Democratic candidate for Mayor, an office that he held several years ago.

Pitcher Mameaux Engaged NEW YORK, March 8.—Al Mameaux, star pitcher of the Pittsburgh Nationals, is to become a benedict. He is engaged to marry Miss Alice Johnson, a Brooklyn girl. It was announced today.

MRS. BUNDY MAY STAGE "COME-BACK"

Will Meet Molla Bjurstedt in East vs. West Matches With That Idea

AN ALL-STAR LINE-UP

LOS ANGELES, March 8.—Opening the 1917 outdoor tennis season, stars of the East today met the West's most brilliant racket wielders in the qualifying rounds of the East-West tournament, which is to continue tomorrow and Saturday at Bovard Field.

In addition, the meet is attracting unusual attention because Mrs. Mary Mary Sutton Bundy, former world's champion, will meet Molla Bjurstedt, present holder of the women's title, in an attempt to "come back."

Maurice McLoughlin, California's famous "comet" and former world's champion, is in charge of arrangements for the match, and he will be a member of the Western team. William Johnston, "Peck" Griffin, Johnny Strachan and possibly Tom Bundy are among the stars the Westerners pin their hopes to, while Dean Mathey, Fred Alexander, Theodore R. Pell, Jr., George Church and Harold Throckmorton are among the Eastern stars.

Owing to the attention the matches attracted all over the Pacific coast, it was found necessary to abandon the original plans of using private courts and instead special courts have been constructed on Bovard Field, whose grand stand will accommodate thousands of persons.

TWENTY-ONE NATIONAL HOLD-OUT PLAYERS

Three Phillies, Four Dodgers and Others on List at Present

NEW YORK, March 8.—Twenty-one National League players are still holding out, according to a list compiled from latest reports. The players and the clubs to which they belong are as follows: Brooklyn—Deffer, Stengel, Wheat, Fitzsimmons. Chicago—Jimmy Archer, Cincinnati—Wingo, Clark, Tony Mitchell, Roush. Pittsburgh—Schmidt, Fischer, Wagner, Baird, Carey. St. Louis—Doak, Kennedy. Philadelphia—Whitted, Dock.

CLOSURE RULE DRAWS FIRE IN SENATE TALKS

Neutrality, Wilson Criticism and Gag Mixed Up in Debate

ATTACK ON PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, March 8. Senator La Follette began his expected attack on the Senate closure amendment late today, declaring that an "iron hand from the outside is about to be placed on this Congress, which in three years has degenerated to a mere rubber stamp."

Senator Martin, majority leader, announced that it was his intention to keep the Senate in continuous session until the closure rule is adopted.

WASHINGTON, March 8. Senator Thomas S. Martin, majority leader of the Senate, introduced the closure rule to limit debate and prevent filibusters immediately after the upper house convened today.

"There is no desire to cut off legitimate debate," said Senator Martin, explaining the rule.

"I earnestly hope there will be no objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution," said Senator Lodge, acting Republican leader.

"I believe the rule should be more drastic," said Senator Pomerene, of Ohio.

Senator Curtis, of Kansas, urged prompt action on the rule. No objection was made to taking up the rule immediately.

"Question! Question!" shouted Democratic Senators, but Senator Sherman, of Illinois, who voted against the rule in the Republican caucus, took the floor to discuss it.

Senator Sherman criticized as unfair, untrue and misleading, President Wilson's statement declaring that an extraordinary session of Congress would be powerless to pass the armed neutrality bill without a change of the Senate rules.

"I was for the armed neutrality bill," said Sherman. "I shall vote for it yet in an extraordinary session, if Congress is convened, in the form in which it was originally introduced."

"The President seeks to convey to the country the impression that only a change in rules would make his legislation possible. That is only theoretically true. It is not practically true. The entire truth ought to have been stated. A portion of the truth was deliberately eliminated in order to lay the responsibility altogether on the group of filibustering Senators. The President's statement was an unfair statement. If an extraordinary session is called tomorrow it would not be possible for any group of Senators to delay a vote more than four weeks. There is a physical limit on filibustering."

"This condition has been seized to break

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GOMEZ IN PRISON; CUBA REVOLT ENDS

Collapse of Anti-Government Uprising Follows Spectacular Battle

DEATH AWAITS LEADER

HAVANA, March 8. General Gomez, chief of the Cuban revolt forces, a prisoner after a spectacular defeat of his troops by Government forces, arrived at Havana early today on a special train. He was hurried at once to the penitentiary under heavy guard.

Others of the 200 Liberal Insurrectionists taken with Gomez late yesterday in what the Government statement termed "Cuba's biggest battle in history" were expected late this afternoon. There appears little doubt that Gomez is fated to die for his treason.

Details of the battle received today were a fresh cause for rejoicing in Havana. The Government forces lost only four killed and twelve wounded while inflicting drastic defeat on the rebels. The way the rebellious forces were entrapped and their frantic efforts to escape would make splendid opera material.

General Gomez and his party were flanked on two sides. Then a third Government force attacked the penned-up insurgents from the rear, driving them out through a gantlet of fire. Those who sought to escape were for the most part too busy in the business of escaping to do any last formidable remnants of the rebel forces' fusillade back at the Government troops' flanking.

An official statement today declared the Government troops are now within two hours' train ride of Santiago, where the last formidable remnants of the rebel forces is supposed to be entrenched.

QUICK NEWS

BASKETBALL SCORES: Irwin School, girls (final) 49 Holman School 8; Frankford High (final) 20 Frankford High Faculty 8; Frankford High, 2d (final) 22 Frankford High Faculty, 2d 7

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS: Second Havana race, 3-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs—King Stallwart, 109, Taplin, 2 to 1, 4 to 5, 2 to 5, won; Moonstone, 102, Dreyer, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, second; E. F. Albee, 107, J. Ryan, 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, third. Time, 1:04 1-4.

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IDLE FREIGHT CARS REDUCED BY TWENTY PER CENT

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The American Railway Association announced this afternoon that the number of idle freight cars on sidings and at terminals had been reduced by twenty per cent.

P. R. R. TO REDUCE PIER STORAGE LIMIT

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has sent out notices to shippers that the railroad will file with the Interstate Commerce Commission, effective April 10, 1917, a tariff reducing the free time at Harbors, South Amboy, Greenwich piers, Philadelphia, and Cannon piers, Baltimore, from ten straight, or five days' average, to six days' straight, or three days' average. The demurrage rate after the expiration of said free time is to be \$1 per car per day. It is explained that the reason for the change is to facilitate the movement of coal through these terminals and to avoid the necessity of embargoes.

CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER, JURY ACQUITS HIM

Without leaving the box, a jury today before Judge McMichael in Quarter Sessions Court acquitted Edward E. O'Donnell of charges of manslaughter arising from the death of John Dalton, of Spring Garden street near Eleventh. Dalton died on October 26 last as the result of injuries received three days before, when O'Donnell struck him with his fist in a fight following Dalton's insulting behavior to women in the neighborhood. Dalton fell to the ground and suffered a fractured skull.

\$1,000,000 FIRE SWEEPS CALIFORNIA POTTERY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Fire today razed the \$1,000,000 plant of the Steger Terra Cotta and Pottery Works, near the bay in south San Francisco. Only the office building of the plant, which covered three acres, was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

GERMANS NOW LET AMERICANS LEAVE BELGIUM

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Germany is permitting Americans to leave Belgium freely. Minister Whitlock, at Brussels, informed the State Department today that none is being detained, although immediately after the break subordinate officials did detain some Americans, in as much as they had no orders whereby to govern their action.

CHINA'S PRESIDENT AGREES TO BREAK WITH BERLIN

WASHINGTON, March 8.—English correspondents in Peking asserts that the President of China has finally yielded to the wishes of his Cabinet and will approve severance of diplomatic relations with Germany. The Tien-Tsin correspondent of the Morning Post reported today that the rupture will take place at an early date and will be followed by a declaration of war.

WILL GO TO CHINA TO ARRANGE AMERICAN LOAN

CHICAGO, March 8.—John J. Abbott, vice president of the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings Bank, and Attorney Henry Russell Platt will leave here Saturday for China to make a survey of conditions before considering the request of the new republic for a loan of \$25,000,000, it was announced today. The bank loaned \$5,000,000 to China four years ago, secured by a tax on liquor and tobacco.

PRESIDENT ORDERED TO BED BY HIS PHYSICIAN

WASHINGTON, March 8.—President Wilson was ordered to bed today by Dr. Cary T. Grayson, his personal physician. The President has a severe cold, it was stated at the White House, but there are no complications yet. All engagements scheduled for today were canceled. At noon the attending physician said the President's condition was satisfactory and that he probably would be able to be around tomorrow.

WORKERS PLAN TO PROTEST LABOR CONSCRIPTION

LONDON, March 8.—Labor heads today issued a call for a mass-meeting to be held in London March 31 to voice labor's opposition to the move for national industrial conscription. Similar protest meetings will be held in other parts of England.

REVOLUTION BREWING IN PERU

LIMA, Peru, March 8.—Large bodies of troops, re-enforcing the police, patrolled the streets of Lima today, and rumors of an attempted revolutionary movement were in circulation. Assassination of three deputies, including the son of Admiral Grau, during the Sunday elections has stirred the public.

STANDARD GASOLINE GRADES TO BE ASKED

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Recommendations for adoption of standards for grades of gasoline probably will be included in the report of the Federal Trade Commission to Congress to be made shortly as the result of its special investigation into the general gasoline situation.

YARROWDALE MEN REPORTED RELEASED

AMSTERDAM, March 8.—A delayed dispatch filed at Berlin at noon yesterday and only received here today declared that the American Yarrowdale prisoners were to be released yesterday afternoon, the quarantine on their prison camp having expired.

TROLLEY HITS DELIVERY WAGON; DRIVER INJURED

A Chester trolley car smashed into a delivery wagon at Island road near Lyons avenue today, injuring both the driver and the horse, which had to be shot. The injured man was Andrew Buck, of Row Creek. He was taken to the University Hospital. Four of his ribs are broken. None of the passengers of the car was injured.

GUNS PREPARED TO GUARD SHIPS IN OCEAN TRADE

Wilson Expected to Tell Nation of Policy in Week

AWAITING CLOSURE RULES FOR SENATE

President Seeks to Avoid Encountering Balky Senators at Present

LEWIS PLANS NEW MOVE

Seeks to Have Senate Back Wilson on Interpretation of Power

WASHINGTON, March 8. Senator Lewis, of Illinois, will introduce a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the President "by virtue of the power of his office" has the right to protect commerce to foreign nations equally with commerce between the States.

The resolution is not considered to have effect, except as an expression of the sentiment of the Senate, if it is adopted. The resolution says the President's authority is not related to the power to declare war, but is derived from his right as civil officer of the Federal Government.

WASHINGTON, March 8.

The policy of the Government to arm American merchant ships and send them on their voyages regardless of Teutonic submarines was rapidly taking shape today for its presentation to the nation.

While President Wilson is known definitely to have decided that he had sufficient authority under existing statutes to arm the vessels, formal announcement of the step probably will be withheld until the closure fight in the Senate is concluded. The President, it was said in Administration circles, does not again wish to run afoul "the little group of willful men" if it can be avoided. It is believed that within a week the matter will be decided.

Meanwhile the Navy Department is going ahead preparing to furnish arms to all American ship owners who desire them. A large force of experts will be ready to mount the guns the minute they are given the word.

Whether President Wilson's new policy will carry him so far as to provide naval convoys to American ship, was still a debated question today. There apparently is a division of official opinion on the advisability of this, some holding that it should be done and others that it will be better merely to arm the ships and send them forth.

Indications continued to point to an extra session of Congress not later than the middle of April. The President is keenly desirous of getting congressional sanction for the arming of the ships, despite his belief that he already has the power.

Another serious factor in favor of an extra session of both houses is the bankrupt state of almost every governmental department. Failure to pass the general deficiency bill has created a situation that threatens to become embarrassing if not immediately remedied.

YOUNG AND BURNS LEAVE FOR THE DETROITS' CAMP

Philadelphia Members of Tigers Start From Broad Street Station Tonight for South

Ralph S. ("Pop") Young, second baseman, and George Burns, first baseman, of the Detroit Tigers, leave from Broad Street Station tonight for Waxahatchee, Tex., where Hughie Jennings is putting his players through spring training. The train will pull out at 8 o'clock. A large delegation of friends of both players will be at the station to give them a rousing send-off.

Both Young and Burns are Philadelphians, having started their baseball careers on the lots in the vicinity of Tioga. Besides being star ball players, they also are good skaters and gunners, and by this pastime during the winter both kept themselves in good shape. They will not have to work very hard to get into ready playing form for the season.

Oil Development Company Chartered

RICHMOND, Va., March 8.—The Roxana Petroleum Corporation was incorporated here today with a capital of \$60,000,000. The corporation is to engage in general oil development enterprises. Thomas B. Gray, of Richmond, is president; Benjamin F. Rice, of Tulsa, Okla., vice president, and William L. Macgregor, of Bayonne, N. J., secretary-treasurer.

Havana Results

FIRST RACE, three-year-olds and upward, claiming, 4 furlongs. 1. Otero, 104, Callan, 15 to 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 to 1. 2. Captain Bravo, 109, Gray 5 to 2 even 1 to 2. 3. Nine Mile-Barber, 102, Pelt 3 to 1 1/2 to 1. Time, 1:19 3/4. Stalwart Van, Pomeroy, Feltus, Middle Mutt, Lark and Purple and Gold also ran.

Hot Springs Results

FIRST RACE, four-year-olds and upward, claiming, 4 furlongs. 1. Blackfoot, 104, Hayes 5 to 2 even 1 to 2. 2. Gibraltar, 101, Lyle 2 to 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 to 1. 3. Commodore, 113, Glavin 2 to 1 1/2 to 1 1/2 to 1. Time, 1:16 3/4. Burt, Corb, Virginia, Green, Watch Your Step, Rose Zed, Kentucky, Kelly, Kather, L and Vantage also ran.